



Rhode Island Educational Media Association

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Ms. Donna Longo DiMichele
Office of Library & Information Services
Rhode Island Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Ms. DiMichele and the LORI Committee,

The Rhode Island Educational Media Association heartily endorses the efforts to bring a multitype library virtual catalog to Rhode Island. The members of RIEMA serve the kindergarten through twelfth grade library users of Rhode Island, and in doing so strive to promote information literacy standards, which include the ability to access, evaluate and use information of all types. The establishment of such a virtual catalog will greatly increase and improve information access for the people of our state, whether they are students, parents, teachers or mentors.

It is our hope that this virtual catalog would eventually encompass all of the existing online catalogs of our state, including RILINK, which serves the k-12 population and its teachers.

Sincerely,

Holly Barton, President
Rhode Island Educational Media Association